

BYLAWS
JATRAM Transit Advisory Committee

ARTICLE I
Name

The name of this committee shall be the Transit Advisory Committee for the City of Jackson Fixed Route transit system also known as JATRAM; and the Transit Advisory Committee shall be known as "The Committee."

ARTICLE II
Reason for Creation of Transit Advisory Committee

To have direct communication with JATRAM, inform on the operation of buses, and to lend suggestions for the betterment and efficiency of JATRAM.

ARTICLE III
Transit Advisory Committee

Section 1 - Limitations: The Transit Advisory Committee does not have the authority to set or make policies for JATRAM or approve or disapprove any scheduling or routing changes, but it can give suggestions and / or advise on any routing and schedule changes proposed by JATRAM. The Committee also can make appeals to the City on bus routing and scheduling that The Committee believes are not for the betterment of the riders and the efficiency of JATRAM.

Section 2 - Number and Tenure: The Committee shall have three officers: President, Vice President, and Secretary. The officers shall be nominated and elected by the members at large and serve a term of two (2) years starting on October 1st and ending September 30th. Elections will be held in August of the final year of the two- year terms. Members shall be eligible for reappointment. Current officers are allowed to run for any other office during election time.

Section 3 - Vacancy or Removal: Any vacancy, removal or resignation of an officer shall be filled in the manner provided in Section 2. Resignations should be submitted in writing. Any ID provided by JATRAM must be turned in to the Advisory Committee or to JATRAM; the ID may also be confiscated by JATRAM. Any officer may be removed by a majority vote of the membership at large for inefficiency, neglect of duties, malfeasance, conflict of interest, or lack of mental or physical capacity to serve. This shall also include, but is not limited to, failure to attend two consecutive meeting without valid reason or failure to attend three meetings within a year. An officer who resigns or is removed is still allowed to serve as a member at large.

Section 4 - Compensation: The officers shall receive no monetary compensation, but shall be given ID badges to ride JATRAM and / or HandiLift buses at no cost.

ARTICLE IV Meetings

Section 1 - Regular Meetings: Regular meetings shall be held by the Transit Advisory Committee at least once each month at a time and meeting location designated by the Officers and voted on by the members.

Section 2 - Special Meetings: Special meetings may be called by the Officers when or if they deem it necessary.

Section 3 - Business: At each regular Committee meeting the following items shall be called: calling of the roll; approval of minutes; old business; new business; public comment; and adjournment. Other items for discussion shall be placed on the agenda by the Officers.

Section 4 - Quorum: A quorum shall consist of any and all members at large attending a regular meeting.

Section 5 - Adoption of Motion: The affirmative vote of a quorum shall be necessary for the adoption of any motion, measure or resolution.

Section 6 - Voting: Passage of any motion, measure or resolution may be by a show of hands.

ARTICLE V Officers

Section 1 - President: The President shall be a member of The Committee and shall be elected for a term of two (2) years by The Committee at large. The President shall have powers and duties as follows:

1. Conduct regular and all special meetings of the Transit Advisory Committee.
2. Be the official representative of The Committee, coordinator for and spokesperson for The Committee
3. Work closely with the General Manager of JATRAM to resolve any service issues.

In the event of resignation, death, or disqualification of the President, the Vice President will assume the powers and duties of the President. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the position of President, The Committee will hold an election for President as soon as possible.

Section 2 - Vice President: The Vice President shall be a member of The Committee and shall be elected for a term of two (2) years by The Committee at large. The Vice President shall conduct meetings in the absence of the President and have only such other powers as confirmed by The Committee, the bylaws, or by the President. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the position of Vice President, The Committee will hold an election for Vice President as soon as possible.

Section 3 - Secretary: The Secretary shall be a member of The Committee and shall be elected for a term of two (2) years by The Committee at large. The primary duties of the Secretary shall be

1. Keep accurate and complete minutes of regular and special meeting
2. Perform other duties as assigned by the President.

In the event of a vacancy occurring in the position of Secretary, The Committee will hold an election for Secretary as soon as possible